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- Increased awareness of the dangers of speeding
- Loan of a hand-held speed gun for use by trained residents
- Comprehensive equipment and safety training, site assessments, high visibility clothing, insurance cover and publicity materials
- High visibility Community Speed Watch poster boards to put up on lamp-posts/trees
- Regular follow-up visits and continued support from Northamptonshire Police
- Follow-up support using portable speed indicator devices and vehicle activated signs
- Feedback of all recorded data to form an evidence base to support any potential future funding applications
- A safer environment and an empowered community

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Working in partnership to reduce speeding through Northamptonshire's communities

What is Community Speed Watch?

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How does Community Speed Watch work?

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The community is consulted. 20% of the electoral population or 500 people, whichever is the smallest number, need to sign up for the project to go ahead.

A minimum of 10 volunteers willing to be trained to monitor traffic in their area need to be identified, with one person nominated as the co-ordinator.

The pledge collections and volunteer contact details are sent to Northamptonshire ACRE.

Northamptonshire ACRE will notify the parish of their provisional timetable allocation and village pairing.

Northamptonshire Police will contact the co-ordinator to arrange a visit to the proposed speed monitoring sites.

Data boxes are set up to monitor the general speed of traffic and produce data on the average speeds.

The volunteers are trained by Northamptonshire Police in the use of laser speed guns, health and safety issues and data recording. This also ensures that they are covered by relevant insurance.

Northamptonshire Police delivers the equipment to the co-ordinator and the parish has the speed gun equipment for a total of three weeks over a six-week period, sharing with their paired village.

The volunteers fill in monitoring sheets with details of speeding vehicles and send them to Northamptonshire Police.

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